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A FIRST-CLASS CHOICE.

STRENGTH has been added to the ways and means committee by the election to its membership of Representative Willis C. Hawley of Oregon. Mr. Hawley was for sixteen years professor of economics and public law in Willamette university, has been manager of the Pacific branch of Woodmen of the World, which has \$200,000,000 of insurance in force, and for the past two years has been a member of the joint congressional committee on rural credits. Mr. Hawley is a confirmed protectionist, has been a close student of finance for many years, and will be a valiant supporter of Republican principles in the revision of the tariff, which will be the leading issue before the country after the close of the war.

IN THE LUMP.

THE recently adopted custom of congress of presenting the executive officers of the government with large lump sums to be spent in their discretion has had the natural consequence of bringing what may be called "lump reports" from those officials. To pay the expenses of floating the first Liberty Bonds and the Certificates of Indebtedness authorized at the same time the secretary of the treasury was given a sum equal to one-tenth of 1 per cent of the amount of bonds and certificates. He has now rendered a report to congress purporting to show how the money was spent. The total expenditure to date has been slightly over two million dollars, of which more than half was spent by the federal reserve banks. The report merely shows the total spent by each bank. For instance, the bank at New York disposed of over \$278,000, and the public is left to its own conclusions as to what became of the money.

VON TIRPITZ WEEPS.

A GLOOMY picture of Germany's future was painted by Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz in his recent speech in Essen, according to the Hamburg News. Regarding a successful economic war against Germany after the war, he said:

"Imagine the position if we simultaneously have to bear the burden of taxation which must fall on every German and, despite the fallen value of German money, we still have to buy the most necessary food and raw materials from abroad. Can anyone in his heart of hearts really believe that in these circumstances, without an increase of power, without indemnity and without security we could avoid Germany's ruin?"

Germany's plight at the hands of England he bemoaned as follows: "Not only has England taken our colonies and Mesopotamia, but everywhere she has made deeper and firmer bases for her maritime and colonial supremacy. She has tarnished and trodden down the prestige and honor of Germany by unprecedented calamities. In the whole trans-Atlantic world we are considered as conquered and done for."

KEEPING THE BRAINS.

BECAUSE the trained executives now at the head of the country's railroad systems are to be retained in their positions despite the taking over of the roads by the government, we may find that the change is not half so upsetting as might be expected. The news of the president's decision sent railroad issues up 5 to 18 points yesterday. The president has recommended that each road be guaranteed an annual income equivalent to the average income of the three years ending June, 1917, so that the move is in no sense confiscatory. Holders of railroad securities will receive 4 per cent, and those holding securities of roads whose earnings were abnormally low before the war will find their dividends increased, as provision will be made for such to receive in excess of the three-year average by submitting their claims for the approval of the interstate commerce commission.

With a minimum of red tape and full co-operation with the present railroad executives, the move should speed up our war activities. However, one can't help praying that the red tape, the political rivalry, the glaring incompetence shown by government committees in the conduct of certain other war projects will never appear in our conduct of rail transportation. The same day that plans for government conduct of the roads is received, this dispatch comes over the wires: "Rear Admiral Bowles, assistant general manager of the fleet corporation, pictured the wooden shipbuilding program as an almost complete failure in his testimony before the senate investigating committee."

THE "DASH" OF THE GERMANS.

GERMAN soldiers from some of the towns of Prussia are sent to the front under armed guard "as criminals are led to the executioner," says a letter found on a dead German soldier, who was killed in a recent battle on the French front. The writer had given a vivid description of the scene at the departure of a detachment of reinforcements from Saarbrücken, a town in Rhénish Prussia. The recruits were intended to fill the gaps in a battalion which had suffered heavy losses. The writer says:

"The first battalion is ordered to furnish a reinforcing detachment of ninety-nine men. To escort them to the Saarbrücken station 30 men have been ordered out, some of them with arms to march alongside the men going off and others to act as pickets on the way to the station. The men were all ready in the afternoon and had to wait some time for another squad of comrades from the first company of convalescents, who eventually arrived. "What a scene! Ahead marched a squad of guards and to the right and left of each file two armed guards, while another squad of guards brought up the rear to guard these German soldiers—our brave soldiers in field gray, who, according to the

magnificently phrased stories of the newspapers, dash forward full of joy and sustained by love of Fatherland to destroy our enemies.

"The detachment moved off with a band playing a march. The guards were so numerous that there was one for every two men of the departing detachment. Is it not a scandal that our children in field gray should be led to war to fight and shed their blood in the same way as criminals are led to the executioner or, still worse, like cattle to the slaughter house? It was not sufficient that for hours beforehand—in fact, from the moment of the announcement of the departure of the detachment—even soldiers who did not belong to it were prevented from going into the town by sentinels posted every five yards. No, it was considered necessary to submit the men to the shame of marching to the depot under guard.

"Do not the magnificent mendacious articles in our papers represent in a false light our brave boys in field gray going to fight and destroy the enemy for the love of the Fatherland, while such things as these are happening? Verily it is a voluntary sacrifice!"

CLIPPED AND CREDITED.

Lansdowne wishes to stop the war; John Bull wishes to end it.—Boston Herald.

The Liberty motor of the Civil war was the army-mule. And it rarely missed on any cylinder.—Minneapolis Journal.

Treating diplomatically with the Bolsheviks is like buying a barn from the tramp who has lived in it over night.—New York Sun.

Everybody must hope that the reduced alcoholic content of beer will not result in any deaths by drowning.—Chicago Daily News.

BRAZIL HEARS OF BIG GERMAN SEA RAIDER

(By Associated Press.)

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28.—Brazilian papers received here today are filled with accounts of the movements of a German corsair off the Brazilian coast a few weeks ago. The newspapers assert that the mysterious vessel was identified as a German, and that it unloaded an immense cargo of heavy cases at Cerqueira and Armacao.

Several days later the steamer returned to Armacao with additional cargo, which the newspaper accounts say it is believed she received from a larger ship out of sight of land. From Armacao the vessel proceeded to Calouro, where another portion of the cargo was unloaded.

These ports are not guarded and it is asserted that the cargoes landed were mysteriously smuggled away. Later the German vessel was sighted at San Pedro de Aldera, where two persons now are under arrest as a result of their relations with the crew. They are charged with being spies.

The newspapers say the steamer disappeared as mysteriously as she came and that Brazilians believe she brought supplies for a submarine base.

MORE QUESTIONNAIRES MAILED.

The following Tonopah draft registrants will today receive their questionnaires, which they must fill out within seven days:

Joe Potts, 450; Frank Sinsch, 451; Warren Harold McAllop, 452; Alvin Oberk, 454; Steve Bacich, 455; Bianco Vincenzo, 457; Jovan O. Mijatovich, 458; Leslie Adam Terrell, 459; Albert Silver, 461; Milo Bielich, 462; John Bertero, 464; James Anthony Robb, 465; Frank Guir, 466; George Irwin Rideout, 467; Charles Augustus Ingalls, 468; Jovitch Harkov Miyuskovich, 469; Donovan Edison Boyd, 470; Roy Harrison Cross, 471; John Wells Manson, 472; Lindon David Warner, 472A; Hans R. Arnoldson, 473; William Joseph McDonald, 475; Richard Marvin Saunders, 476; John Rados, 478; Mike Mitzgerald, 479; John Vidich, 480; Ira Jay Morey, 481; Thomas Bernard Flood, 482; Fred Edward

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SUGAR EXPORTS ARE INCREASED

GOLD OUTGO LESS; NEW MOVEMENT OF YELLOW METAL TO PERU SHOWN.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Sugar exports from the United States last October showed an increase of nearly ten million pounds over the same month last year. France and England received the bulk of the shipments of 113,241,000 pounds, the former getting 73,000,000 pounds to relieve a virtual famine there, and the latter 22,000,000 pounds. Six million pounds went to the Netherlands, 5,000,000 to Argentina and almost as large a quantity to Mexico.

While gold exports for the month showed a considerable decrease as compared with the same month in 1916, a new movement of the metal, this time to Peru, was shown by an analysis of October exports made public today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Peru received \$2,923,372 that month as compared with \$3,346,026 for the first ten months of the year, the increase being in payment for growing purchases of copper by this country.

Spain, Japan and Mexico took virtually all the remainder of the country's \$11,154,074 gold exports in October. In ten months Japan received \$15,000,000, compared with \$13,845,000 in the same period of 1916; Spain, \$102,000,000, compared with \$9,701,000, and Mexico, \$7,000,000, compared with less than \$1,000,000.

TO RATION SWISS.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The war trade board, in an announcement last night, confirmed dispatches from abroad telling of an agreement to ration Switzerland and gave the rules of procedure for exporters to follow in making shipments. No details of the agreement were given, but it is known it fixes the amount of food-stuffs the United States will ship to Switzerland in return for assurances that none of the shipments will be permitted to go through to Germany.

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RED CROSS TO DISTRIBUTE.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The American Red Cross was designated in army orders yesterday as the distributing agency of quartermaster's supplies sent "to American soldiers and others who may be prisoners in the hands of any power with which the United States may be at war."

The Red Cross already has established at Berne, Switzerland, machinery through which food and clothing have been forwarded to Americans held prisoner in Germany. Only a few Americans now are held in Germany. Most of them were taken from merchant ships.

The order provides that no money may be sent to prisoners for the purchase of food. It is assumed naval prisoners will be furnished necessities by the army.

BAKER EXPANDS COUNCIL.

Special to the Bonanza.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A further step was taken by Secretary Baker yesterday toward the expansion of his new war council into the dominant war department agency on all questions relating to supply and equipment in appointing to membership on the council Col. Palmer E. Pierce, who now represents the department on the war industries board. Colonel Pierce has been nominated to be a brigadier general. He will continue to serve on the war industries board and will bring to the daily round table discussions of the military cabinet specific knowledge of the problems dealt with by the board.

Jones' pure apple cider at Hall Liquor company. Just arrived. Six bits a gallon. advN231f

BERNE STILL TRYING TO GET REPLY FROM AJAX

In a last endeavor to smoke Ajax out of his hole, William Berne will go to Goldfield this afternoon and offer to meet him under any old conditions. That \$500 side bet that Ajax says he will put up will be amply covered by Tonopah-Sixsonians. Unless Ajax has decided that his mat days have passed it is about time he spoke up and told Berne just what he intended to do. It certainly isn't good business nor sportsmanlike to keep the Russian waiting around here for what may prove a vain hope.

The announcer at the Airdome Christmas afternoon informed the fans Ajax challenged the winner of the Berne-Masked Marvel" go for a finish match with a \$500 side bet. Ajax trained the "Marvel" for this contest and was present when the Russian conquered him in straight falls, so the general impression among followers of the mat game in Tonopah appears to be that "there is a reason" for Ajax's evident change of heart.

Hot Tom and Jerry at the Bank Buffet. adv

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